

Region 9: The Pacific Southwest
Serving Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and Tribal Nation



Region 9 2008 Priorities

Guiding Principles

- Accelerate the pace of environmental protection
- Focus on achieving environmental results
- Assure compliance through assistance and enforcement
- Ensure environmental justice for all people in all aspects of our work
- Invest in our diverse workforce to achieve outstanding performance
- Promote pollution prevention, environmental stewardship, and sustainability
- Enhance state and tribal partnerships
- Promote innovation and collaboration
- Use science and technology to address priorities

Clean the Air

- Improve air quality in South Coast and San Joaquin, the areas of the country with the largest health burdens from air pollution, as well as the following high priority areas: Sacramento, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Clark County, NV; US/Mexico Border region
- Reduce emissions from on-road and non-road diesel sources along West Coast through West Coast Collaborative
- Improve permit program effectiveness through targeted evaluations
- Increase public access to ambient air quality data
- Achieve air toxics reduction through community-based projects which address environmental justice priorities
- Promote energy efficiency through clean energy, green building/Energy Star partnerships, alternative fuels projects
- Provide leadership & initiate clean energy projects through Regional Energy & Climate Change Strategy
- Provide regional leadership to reduce environmental impacts from ports through collaboration and new technologies

Protect and Restore the Water

- Promote watershed partnerships and approaches to restore waters via regulatory/voluntary tools
- Reduce beach pollution from sewer overflows and stormwater
- Minimize losses of wetland acres through permitting and enforcement actions
- Improve state/local stormwater implementation
- Strengthen water quality and wetlands monitoring to assess waters
- Increase compliance with drinking water requirements to protect public health
- Improve drinking water and wastewater infrastructure through enforcement, innovative financing, and technical assistance

Preserve and Restore the Land

- Promote resource conservation by emphasizing waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and preferable purchasing programs
- Assess, control and remediate contaminated sites
- Coordinate national implementation of the US/China strategy on hazardous waste
- Revitalize communities by facilitating clean up of properties for redevelopment and reuse

Assure Healthy Communities

- Assist other federal agencies in reducing significant threats to the environment through our National Environmental Policy Act authority
- Assist Tribes and Pacific Islands in addressing unmet public health and priority environmental needs, such as safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and closure of solid waste open dumps
- Implement US/Mexico Border 2012 Plan to reduce pollution in air, water and on land; improve public health conditions (wastewater and drinking water); reduce exposure to chemicals
- Focus on San Joaquin Valley to attain measurable environmental results related to agriculture
- Build a partnership with DOD for the military expansion on Guam
- Work with partners to ensure meaningful community involvement and reduce cumulative environmental exposure in impacted communities

Ensure Compliance and Enforcement

- Maximize compliance to protect human health and environment through enforcement, compliance assistance, compliance incentives, and Supplemental Environmental Projects
- Promote performance track, pollution prevention and stewardship to improve and go beyond compliance

Promote Homeland Security

- Reduce and control risks posed by accidental and intentional releases of harmful substances
- Improve emergency response preparedness in support of the National Response Framework

Enhance Management and Accountability

- Provide leadership for national implementation of the Administrator's "A Stronger EPA" workforce development priority
- Strengthen strategic management of information to improve alignment among resource allocation, planning, and budgeting processes.
- Continue implementation of Environmental Management Systems for Region 9 facilities and communicate results both internally and externally